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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-5, 10, 11, 15-17, 19, 20, 24, 25 and 39 were pending in the Application. By this Amendment, claim 25 is being cancelled in order to advance the prosecution of the application. No new matter is involved.

In Paragraph 2 which begins on page 2 of the Office Action, claim 25 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,097,466 of Koma. Claim 25 is being cancelled herein, thereby obviating this rejection.

In Paragraph 3 on page 3 of the Office Action, claims 1-5, 10-11, 15-17, 19-20, 24 and 39 are allowed.

In conclusion, rejected claim 25 has been cancelled, so that only allowed claims 1-5, 10, 11, 15-17, 19, 20, 24 and 39 remain in the Application. Therefore, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (213) 337-6846 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

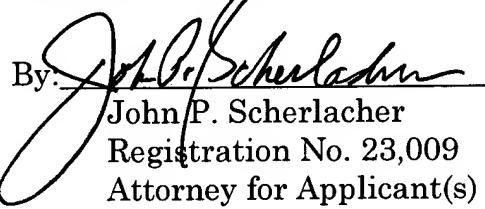
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